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BLOCK QUOTES:

1. "HOW LONG WILL THE PALESTINIAN POLITICAL LEADERSHIP  
REMAIN UNDER ZIONIST SUPREMACY?"

AL-WATAN, ABHA-BASED, MODERATE DAILY, OP-ED BY MR. ABDULLAH  
NASIR AL-FOZAN (04/24): "THE ENTIRE WORLD NOW KNOWS THAT THE  
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POLITICAL PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY IS BEING REQUIRED TO USE THEIR RESOURCES TO MAINTAIN ISRAEL'S SECURITY. IT IS ALSO REQUIRED TO BE A TOOL TO CURB THE 'INTIFADA', AND TO BE A VISIBLE TARGET ISRAEL CAN REACH AT ANY TIME TO FIGHT ITS UNKNOWN ENEMY. WE HAVE SEEN HOW ISRAEL HAS BLAMED THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY FOR EACH MARTYRDOM OPERATION.... DEAR BROTHERS, MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY: GET RID OF ISRAELI SUPREMACY; CHOOSE A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN MAINTAIN YOUR PATIENCE AND STRENGTH, WHERE YOU CAN NEGOTIATE FREE OF PRESSURE. DEAR BROTHERS: LET ISRAEL BE DRAWN INTO DARKNESS WHILE FIGHTING THE UNKNOWN. THE UNKNOWN WHICH WILL END THE RESISTANCE WHEN ISRAEL GIVES BACK WHAT IT HAS STOLEN IN 1976."

2. "TEXAS SUMMIT: THE FEELINGS OF ARABS AND MUSLIMS TOWARD WASHINGTON'S POSITIONS"

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ASHARQ AL-AWSAT, LONDON-BASED, PAN-ARAB DAILY, OP-ED BY  
ABDULAZIZ BIN OSMAN BIN SAQR (SAUDI WRITER) (04/24): "I AM INCAPABLE OF KNOWING WHAT IS ON THE AGENDA OF THE SUMMIT BETWEEN CROWN PRINCE ABDULLAH AND U.S. PRESIDENT BUSH.... WE HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT THE SAUDI CROWN PRINCE SHOWS PICTURES, DOCUMENTS, AND VIDEOTAPES TO PRESIDENT BUSH, WHICH HE HAD NOT YET SEEN WHEN HE SAID THAT SHARON WAS A MAN OF PEACE.... IT IS REALLY AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY, BECAUSE THE CROWN PRINCE WILL BE ABLE TO EXPRESS THE FEELINGS OF MORE THAN ONE BILLION MUSLIMS TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE GREATEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD.... THE SECOND POINT ON THE AGENDA MAY BE THE INTENTION OF THE U.S. TO ATTACK IRAQ. SAUDI ARABIA AND OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES HAVE EMPHASIZED THEIR REFUSAL TO ATTACK IRAQ OR TO DIVIDE ITS TERRITORIES.... CERTAINLY, WE EXPECT THAT PRINCE ABDULLAH WILL DISCUSS THE U.S. WAR AGAINST TERRORISM, ESPECIALLY AFTER BUSH'S DECLARATION THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST STAGE OF HIS WAR, AND THAT THERE STILL WERE OTHER COUNTRIES TO TARGET.... CONCERNING THE ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA AND WASHINGTON AND THE OIL POLICY...THE SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER, SAUD AL-FAISAL, SAID THAT OIL IS NOT A WEAPON OR A TANK, BUT IT IS AN IMPORTANT SOURCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.... I THINK THAT THESE ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT THE SAUDI CROWN PRINCE SHOULD RAISE DURING HIS VISIT TO THE U.S., TO GUARANTEE THE CONTINUATION OF THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA AND THE U.S."

3. "ARAB CONCERNS ARE IN THE HANDS OF PRINCE ABDULLAH"

AL-YAUM, DAMMAM BASED, MODERATE DAILY, EDITORIAL (04/24):

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"PRINCE ABDULLAH IS CARRYING ARAB CONCERNS TO THE U.S. HE  
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IS REPRESENTING ALL ARABS DURING HIS MISSION.... THE ARAB  
PEACE INITIATIVE IS THE IDEAL SOLUTION FOR THE LONG ARAB  
ISRAELI CONFLICT AND THE U.S. HAS TO BE UNBIASED WHEN  
DEALING WITH THE INITIATIVE."

4. "AN ACTIVE SAUDI MOVE"

AL-YAUM, DAMMAM BASED, MODERATE DAILY, EDITORIAL (04/24):  
"ARABS HAVE HIGH HOPES FOR THE PRODUCTIVITY OF CROWN PRINCE  
ABDULLAH'S VISIT TO THE U.S.... PALESTINIANS HAVE TO BE  
PROTECTED.... SAUDIS ARE CONTINUING WITH THEIR HISTORIC  
MISSION TO FIND A FAIR SOLUTION AND FULL PEACE TO END THE  
ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT."

5. "CROWN PRINCE ABDULLAH: A TRIP WITH DIFFICULT MISSION"

AL-RIYADH, RIYADH-BASED, CONSERVATIVE DAILY, EDITORIAL  
(4/24): "THE U.S.-SAUDI RELATIONSHIP IS THE OLDEST AND MOST  
STABLE IN THE REGION.... (TODAY) CROWN PRINCE ABDULLAH WILL  
MEET WITH PRESIDENT BUSH. THE MEETING CANNOT BE DESCRIBED  
AS AN EASY ONE, BECAUSE PRINCE ABDULLAH WILL SPEAK IN THE

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NAME OF THE ARAB UNION. IT IS THE FIRST MANDATE OF ITS KIND  
EVER GRANTED TO AN ARAB LEADER. ALL OF THE ARAB NATIONS IN  
THE REGION HAVE AGREED THAT PRINCE ABDULLAH IS TO NEGOTIATE  
ON THEIR BEHALF AS WELL. THIS SHOULD MAKE NEGOTIATIONS FOR  
THE AMERICANS EASIER. THEY WILL NEGOTIATE WITH ONE PERSON,  
WHO HAS NO RECORD OF ANIMOSITY TO ANYONE, BUT IS FRANK AND  
HONEST.... HE WILL CONFIRM THAT ARABS ARE ONE NATION THAT  
SEEKS PEACE AND STABILITY.... THE U.S. IS A SUPERPOWER WITH  
THE ATTENDANT FEAR, RESPECT AND HATE OF THE WORLD. WHEN  
THERE ARE DISAGREEMENTS, THE U.S. MUST VIEW THE PALESTINIAN  
QUESTION, WITHOUT GENERALIZING TERRORISM AS THE PALESTINIAN  
PEOPLE.... CROWN PRINCE ABDULLAH CHOSE TO ENGAGE IN THIS  
PROCESS, NOT OUT OF PERSONAL MOTIVATION, BUT OUT OF THE LONG  
HERITAGE OF FRIENDSHIP WITH THE U.S. AND WITH COMPLETE ARAB  
CONSENT.... PRESIDENT BUSH MUST UNDERSTAND THAT THE  
PEACEFUL MOTIVATIONS OF THE ARABS ARE MORE SERIOUS THAN  
SHARON'S MILITARY POSITIONS.... PRESIDENT BUSH WILL BE HELD  
ACCOUNTABLE FOR THIS HISTORICAL MISSION. ITS SUCCESS, COULD  
PAVE THE WAY FOR MORE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE U.S., AND  
ITS FAILURE WOULD MEAN MORE THAN ONE ROAD TO BE CLOSED, A  
RESULT WE DO NOT WISH TO SEE AS A RESULT OF THIS OF  
DIFFICULT MISSION."

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6. "THE DECISIVE SUMMIT"

AL-MADINA, JEDDAH-BASED, CONSERVATIVE DAILY, EDITORIAL  
(04/24): "CROWN PRINCE ABDULLAH'S VISIT TO THE U.S. COMES

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DURING A DELICATE AND PRECARIOUS SITUATION, WHETHER IT CONCERNS U.S. RELATIONS WITH ARABS IN GENERAL OR SAUDI ARABIA IN PARTICULAR. THE CROWN PRINCE AND THE U.S. PRESIDENT'S AGENDA WILL BE PACKED WITH DECISIVE AND DETERMINANT ISSUES, LEADING WITH THE ARAB/ISRAELI CONFLICT AND THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES FOLLOWING THE ISRAELI MASSACRES. THEY WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTIONS AND THE REPEATED U.S. CALLS FOR AN ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AFTER THE MARCH 29 REOCCUPATION OF PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES. THIS CANNOT BE ACHIEVED UNLESS BUSH PERSUADES SHARON, WHO HE DESCRIBES AS A MAN OF PEACE, TO LIFT THE SIEGE ON ARAFAT IN ORDER TO ENABLE HIM TO DO HIS PART IN HALTING MARTYR ATTACKS, AS HE PREVIOUSLY SUCCEEDED IN DOING. IT'S TOO EARLY TO PREDICT THE OUTCOME OF THE TEXAS SUMMIT. HOWEVER, IT WILL DEFINITELY BE AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT MOMENT - TO A LARGE EXTENT DETERMINING THE FUTURE OF U.S. ARAB RELATIONS."

### 7. "THE FIRM STAND"

AL-WATAN, ABHA-BASED, MODERATE DAILY, EDITORIAL (04/24):  
"WHEN IT COMES TO THE VITAL AND CRUCIAL ISSUES OF OUR TIMES, THE CROWN PRINCE IS BOTH CLEAR AND FRANK. DURING HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BUSH, ABDULLAH WILL REMAIN STEADFAST IN HIS SUPPORT OF MAJOR ISSUES FROM IRAQ TO THE NEEDS OF THE VICTIMIZED AND TORMENTED PALESTINIANS RESULTING FROM ISRAELI

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OCCUPATION.... THE U.S. MUST CONSIDER ITS INTERESTS WITH ARABS AND LOOK AT RECTIFYING ITS DAMAGED IMAGE IN THE WAKE OF THE PALESTINIAN INCIDENTS. THE U.S. NEEDS A BALANCED FOREIGN POLICY."

### 8. "THE FUTURE IS FOR PEACE?"

AL-BILAD, JEDDAH BASED, MODERATE DAILY, EDITORIAL (04/24):  
"DURING HIS HISTORIC VISIT TO THE U.S., CROWN PRINCE ABDULLAH WILL PUT FORWARD A SAUDI VIEW THAT PEACE ADVOCATES ARE LIKELY TO FAVOR. ABDULLAH'S PROPOSAL FOR A COMPREHENSIVE AND JUST SOLUTION MAKES IT HARD TO IGNORE. HOWEVER, IT IS LIKELY TO BE SHUNNED BY THOSE WHO ARE PRESENTLY BENEFITING FROM THE DETERIORATING CRISIS IN THE REGION, SINCE THEIR INTERESTS ARE SERVED BY THE ON GOING PALESTINIAN TRAGEDY. EVIDENTLY, THE INCITEMENT OF WAR BOOSTS WEAPONS SALES, NOT ONLY TO ISRAEL BUT OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES. IT'S ONLY NATURAL, NOW THAT ISRAEL HAS CONFIRMED ITS REJECTION OF PEACE, THAT SURROUNDING COUNTRIES SEEK TO BOOST THEIR STABILITY.... SHARON, WHOSE INSATIABLE APPETITE AND AGGRESSION AROUSES ARAB FEARS, KNOWS THAT THE WEAPONS

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INDUSTRY LOBBY IS A DRIVING FORCE IN U.S. DECISION MAKING."

9. "ISRAEL REJECTS ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN STATE"

ASHARQ AL-AWSAT, LONDON BASED, PAN-ARAB DAILY, COLUMN BY

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RIDAH LARRY (04/24): "IN LIGHT OF CURRENT INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS, THE SECOND PHASE OF SHARON'S WAR ON PALESTINIAN TERRORISM BEGINS. HE RENEWS CALLS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WITH THE U.S. AND SELECTED ARAB COUNTRIES, CONFIRMING THAT PEACE REQUIRES ALL ARABS TO ACCEPT THE PRESENT REALITY, WHICH CAME INTO BEING AS A RESULT OF THE LATEST WAR. ARABS MUST EITHER ACCEPT THE ISRAELI VISION OF PEACE OR PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR A LONG WAR, WHICH WILL ONLY END AFTER ISRAEL REALIZES ITS GOALS. SAIB ORAQAT, THE CHIEF PALESTINIAN NEGOTIATOR, EXPOSED THE ISRAELI PLAN. HE ANNOUNCED THAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT CALLED FOR NEGOTIATIONS TO BE HELD ONLY BETWEEN ARAFAT AND THE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER. THESE ONE-ON-ONE NEGOTIATIONS WERE PRIMARILY AIMED AT IMPOSING ISRAELI CONDITIONS IN THEIR CHARACTER AS THE CONQUERORS IN THEIR LATEST WAR. THE CONDITIONS, REJECTED BY THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY, WOULD HAVE INCLUDED THE SCRAPPING OF ALL PLANS FOR A PALESTINIAN STATE AS WELL AS THE TRANSFER OF ARAFAT TO GAZA TO SET UP SELF-RULE UNDER ISRAELI DOMINATION. SHOULD ARAFAT REJECT

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THESE ISRAELI DICTATES, HE WILL BE EXPELLED FROM PALESTINE. HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE U.S.'S UNJUST SUPPORT, THE ISRAELIS WOULD NOT HAVE HAD THE AUDACITY TO VIOLATE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS, FOUNDED ON INTERNATIONAL LEGITIMACY, FOR AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE."

## 10. "WAR CRIMES"

SAUDI GAZETTE, JEDDAH BASED, MODERATE DAILY, EDITORIAL (04/24): "AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL HAS CALLED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES PROBE INTO THE MASSACRES PERPETRATED IN THE JENIN REFUGEE CAMP BY ISRAELI FORCES. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL JUDICIAL CONVENTION, THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY LIES WITH ARIEL SHARON, THE MOST NOTORIOUS ZIONIST WAR CRIMINAL OF ALL TIMES.... UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW, SHARON ALONG WITH ALL THOSE ISRAELI CIVILIANS AND MILITARY OFFICIALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE JENIN GENOCIDE MUST BE PUNISHED. IF ANYONE WAVERS ON THIS ISSUE, THEN, IN THE WORDS OF U.S. PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH, THEY ARE WITH WAR CRIMINALS AND MUST BE TREATED AS SUCH.... THE JENIN REFUGEE CAMP IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY HAS WITNESSED ONE OF THE MOST ABHORRING CRIMES EVER COMMITTED AGAINST HUMANITY. A SENIOR U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL COULD NOT HIDE HIS ANGUISH, ALTHOUGH HIS GOVERNMENT REMAINS SHARON'S SOLE PROTECTOR.... ISRAEL, WHICH IS DESPERATELY TRYING TO HIDE ITS CRIMES, MUST STAND IN THE DOCK TO FACE CHARGES FOR ZIONIST WAR CRIMES AND ETHNIC CLEANSING IN JENIN.... THE ISRAELI MILITARY'S DENIAL OF ANY

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WRONGDOING IS NOT ADMISSIBLE IN THESE CASES. EVIDENCE OF THE  
MASSACRE IN JENIN HAS BEEN WITNESSED BY MANY WHO VISITED THE  
SCENE.... THESE HIGH OFFICIALS HAVE REPORTED SEEING WIDOWED  
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WOMEN AND ORPHANED CHILDREN DIGGING WITH BARE HANDS IN THE  
RUBBLE OF THEIR HOMES, WHICH THE ISRAELIS HAD DEMOLISHED  
WITH UNSUSPECTING OTHER INHABITANTS NOW BURIED ALIVE  
INSIDE.... IT IS MANKIND'S PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY TO NAB  
AND PUNISH WAR CRIMINALS LIKE SHARON, SO THAT SUCH CRIMES  
NEVER REOCCUR."

11. "BACK TO OLD DAYS"

ARAB NEWS, JEDDAH BASED, MODERATE DAILY, EDITORIAL (04/24):  
"WITH ALL THE HORRIFIC NEWS THAT HAS BEEN COMING OUT OF THE  
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES RECENTLY AND NOW THE SHOCKING SWING TO  
THE EXTREME RIGHT IN THE FRENCH PRESIDENTIAL  
ELECTIONS...VIRTUALLY NO ATTENTION HAS BEEN PAID TO THE  
REPORTED DISCOVERY THAT TWO U.S. ARMY OFFICERS WERE INVOLVED  
IN THE RECENT FAILED COUP AGAINST VENEZUELA'S PRESIDENT HUGO  
CHAVEZ. THE WHITE HOUSE IS SAID TO BE EMBARRASSED BY THE  
REPORT. THAT MUST RANK AS THE UNDERSTATEMENT OF THE YEAR.  
THE STORY COULD HAVE DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCE FOR THE BUSH  
ADMINISTRATION. A WEEK AGO, AFTER CHAVEZ HAD BEEN  
REINSTATED BY HIS SUPPORTERS, THE WHITE HOUSE DENIED ANY

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ROLE IN THE FAILED MILITARY COUP, ALTHOUGH IT ADMITTED THAT  
U.S. OFFICIALS HAD MET VENEZUELAN OPPOSITION LEADERS  
BEFOREHAND. BUT THEY HAD BEEN TOLD THAT CHAVEZ, WHOSE  
FRIENDSHIP WITH LIBYA, IRAQ AND CUBA HAS ANGERED WASHINGTON,  
SHOULD ONLY BE REPLACED BY LEGITIMATE, CONSTITUTIONAL MEANS;  
THE U.S. WOULD NOT SUPPORT A COUP. THE QUESTION NOW IS: DID  
THE WHITE HOUSE LIE? IF IT TURNS OUT TO BE TRUE THAT THE  
TWO US COLONELS WERE INVOLVED IN THE FAILED ATTEMPT, THERE  
CAN BE NO OTHER CONCLUSION.... THE WHIFF OF SCANDAL AND  
CONSPIRACY IS IN THE AIR - AND THE AMERICAN MEDIA, EVER  
ADDICTED TO CONSPIRACY THEORIES, IS NOT GOING TO LET IT  
GO.... FOR THE REST OF THE WORLD, HOWEVER, THE STORY  
ALREADY CONFIRMS THE SUSPICIONS THAT THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION  
IS HELL-BENT ON ELIMINATING ITS ENEMIES BY WHATEVER MEANS  
POSSIBLE, LEGAL OR ILLEGAL. THE INVOLVEMENT OF U.S.  
MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE PUTSCH SUGGESTS A RETURN TO THE  
OLD DAYS WHEN THE CIA WOULD ORGANIZE COUPS AND  
ASSASSINATIONS TO FURTHER U.S. INTERESTS.... COUP MAKING  
MIGHT HAVE BEEN ACCEPTABLE DURING THE COLD WAR. IT CERTAINLY  
IS NOT ANY MORE.... ANY U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN THE ATTEMPT TO  
REMOVE HIM (CHAVEZ) BY FORCE PUTS WASHINGTON FIRMLY ON THE  
WRONG SIDE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. WHAT MAKES IT ALL THE  
WORSE AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT IN TIME IS THAT IT MAKES A  
MOCKERY OF GEORGE BUSH'S WAR AGAINST INTERNATIONAL

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STRUGGLE AGAINST THOSE WHO SEEK TO ATTACK AND DESTROY LAW  
AND ORDER AND LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT. YET HE THROWS LAW,  
ORDER AND LEGITIMACY TO THE WIND WHEN IT SUITS HIM."

12. "ATROCITIES EXPOSED"

RIYADH DAILY, MODERATE PAPER, EDITORIAL (04/24): "AMNESTY  
INTERNATIONAL'S STRONG CRITICISM OF ISRAEL'S MILITARY ACTION  
IN THE JENIN REFUGEE CAMP HAS ONCE AGAIN EXPOSED THE SORDID  
HAPPENINGS IN THE COMPOUND DURING THE OPERATION.... AMNESTY  
NOT ONLY SPOKE OF ISRAEL'S "SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN  
RIGHTS", BUT ALSO OF "WAR CRIMES". THE GROUP IS WELL  
POSITIONED TO REVEAL THE TRUTH, AS ITS TEAM HAD ENTERED THE  
CAMP SOON AFTER THE ISRAELIS WITHDREW.... UNLIKE A  
CONVENTIONAL WAR INVASION, THE ISRAELIS DID NOT HAVE ANY  
ARMED FORTRESS TO RIP THROUGH. THE CAMP HOUSED DISPLACED  
PALESTINIANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, LIVING SIMPLE LIVES AND  
GOING ABOUT THEIR DAILY CHORES.... THESE FACTS PROJECT THE  
SIMPLE REALITY THE PALESTINIANS IN THE JENIN CAMP WERE  
ALREADY A SORRY LOT. THEY WERE HARDLY IN A POSITION TO TAKE  
UP ARMS TO FIGHT AN INVADING ARMY.... ALONG WITH AMNESTY,  
THE AGENCY (UNRWA) HAS EXPOSED THE ARMY'S TOTAL DISREGARD TO  
INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.... WHEN THE UN'S  
THREE-MEMBER TEAM BEGINS ITS MISSION SOON, ISRAEL WOULD BE  
ON A MASSIVE IMAGE-CLEANSING EXERCISE. THE UN TRIO WOULD  
NEED TO SEE THROUGH THE ISRAELI SMOKE SCREEN AND ENSURE THAT  
THE COUNTRY IS SEVERELY CENSURED AND ITS LEADERS HAULED UP  
TO THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT FOR THEIR MURDEROUS  
CAMPAIGN."

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